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Title : The Speaker made references to the passing away of Shri Arvind Tulsiram Kamble, a member of the 8th, 9th, 10th and 12th Lok Sabhas; Shri Nageshwar Dwivedi, a member of the 4th and 5th Lok Sabhas; Shri Jagpal Singh, a member of the 7th and 9th Lok Sabhas; Shri Virdhi Chander Jain, a member of the 7th and 8th Lok Sabhas and Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, a member of the 8th and 10th Lok Sabhas.She further made reference to the passing away of Shri Jyoti Basu, former Chief Minister of West Bengal.Madam Speaker also made reference to the death of 15 persons including foreigners and injuries caused to 60 persons in a terrorist attack in Pune; death of 20 Paramilitary personnel in a Naxal attack at Silda camp of Eastern Frontier Rifles in West Bengal and death of 11 villagers in Naxal attack at Phulwari village of Jamui District in Bihar.

MADAM SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of five of our colleagues, Shri Arvind Tulsiram Kamble, Shri Nageshwar Dwivedi, Shri Jagpal Singh, Shri Virdhi Chander Jain and Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha.

(*Interruptions*)

श्री शैलेन्द्र कुमार (कौशाम्बी) : अध्यक्ष महोदया, श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र बहुत ही सीनियर मैम्बर थे, लेकिन इसमें उनका नाम नहीं है।...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : कृपया इस समय व्यवधान मत डालिए। यह बहुत ही सौलम ओकेज़न है।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Shri Arvind Tulsiram Kamble was a Member of the Eighth to Tenth Lok Sabhas from 1984 to 1996 and Twelfth Lok Sabha from 1998 to 1999 representing the Osmanabad Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra.

Earlier, Shri Kamble was a Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from 1980 to 1984. During this period, Shri Kamble served as a Deputy-Minister in the Government of Maharashtra in the year 1982.

Shri Kamble was a Member of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Oil and Natural Gas during the Eighth Lok Sabha. He was a Member of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Surface Transport and Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the Ninth Lok Sabha. Shri Kamble was a Member of the Committee on Estimates; Committee on Defence; Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Labour during the Twelfth Lok Sabha.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Kamble fought for the rights of farmers and worked tirelessly in the service of the people. Shri Kamble played a significant role in developmental activities of his constituency. He served as the Chairman of the Leather Industries Development Corporation, Maharashtra during the year 1982.

Shri Arvind Tulsiram Kamble passed away on 28th December, 2009 at Pune, Maharashtra at the age of 58.

Shri Nageshwar Dwivedi was a Member of the Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabhas from 1967 to 1977 representing the Machhlishahr Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Dwivedi was a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1952 to 1962 for two terms.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Dwivedi took active part in the freedom movement. He participated in the Salt Satyagraha Movement and was imprisoned on a number of occasions.

A well-known social and political worker, Shri Dwivedi was a Member of District Board, Jaunpur, from 1948 to 1952. He was also a Member of Uttar Pradesh Khadi and Gramodyog Board from 1963 to 1966 and Gramodyog Samiti from 1967 to 1970.

A Gandhian to the core, Shri Dwivedi worked for the propagation of Khadi and Village Industries in rural areas through the Samagra Gram Seva Sangh; he founded Shri Keshav Library in 1937 and served as its Manager from 1937 to 1952. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Rashtriya Inter College at Sujanganj. He also founded a Junior High School, a High School and an Inter College in Belwar, Jaunpur.

Shri Nageshwar Dwivedi passed away on 1st January, 2010, at Machhlishahr, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 93.

Shri Jagpal Singh was a Member of the Seventh Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984 and Ninth Lok Sabha from 1989 to 1991,

representing Hardwar Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh, now in Uttarakhand.

Shri Singh was a Member of the Committee of Privileges and the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs during the Seventh Lok Sabha. He was a Member of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting during the Ninth Lok Sabha.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Singh worked for the uplift of poor and marginalized sections of the society. He was associated with the Labour and Indian Trade Union movement. Shri Jagpal Singh strove for rights of the students and courted arrest on numerous occasions for their cause.

Shri Jagpal Singh passed away on 13th January, 2010, at New Delhi at the age of 62.

Shri Virdhi Chander Jain was a Member of the Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabhas from 1980 to 1989 representing the Barmer Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan.

Earlier, Shri Jain was a Member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly from 1967 to 1980.

Shri Jain was Member of the Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House; Joint Committee on Offices of Profit and Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament during the Seventh Lok Sabha. He was a Member of the Committee on Government Assurances during the Eighth Lok Sabha.

An advocate by profession, Shri Jain fought for the cause of the oppressed and the downtrodden. He struggled valiantly for the eradication of dacoit menace in his constituency. He worked untiringly for the cause of agriculturists. Shri Jain was instrumental in eradicating social evils like "*Begar*" and in the introduction of "*Baghori*" (cash rent) in Barmer District of Rajasthan.

An active social and political worker, Shri Jain served as Member, Barmer Nagarpalika, from 1950 to 1953; Pramukh, Barmer Zila Parishad for two terms from 1959 to 1964. He also served as the President of the Bharat Sewak Samaj, Barmer District for over two decades.

Shri Virdhi Chander Jain passed away on 13th January, 2010, at Barmer at the age of 89.

Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha was a Member of the Eighth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1989 and Tenth Lok Sabha from 1991 to 1996 representing the Nagaur and Barmer Parliamentary Constituencies of Rajasthan respectively.

He was also a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1967 to 1984 for four terms representing the State of Rajasthan.

During his long and illustrious political career of almost three decades and a half, Shri Mirdha ably served as a Member of various Parliamentary Committees. He was the Chairman of the Joint Committee to Enquire into Irregularities in Securities and Banking Transactions during the Tenth Lok Sabha.

Earlier, Shri Mirdha was a member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly from 1953 to 1967. During this period, he served as the Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation and Transport in the Government of Rajasthan from 1954 to 1957. Thereafter, Shri Mirdha rose to assume the august Office of the Speaker of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly which office he ably served from 1957 to 1967.

An astute administrator, Shri Mirdha held several important portfolios in the Union Cabinet. He served as the Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs from June 1970 to March 1971 and then again from March to June 1986; Minister of State in the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms from August 1970 to October 1974; Minister of State, Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence from October, 1974 to December 1975; Minister of State in the Ministry of Supply and Rehabilitation from December 1975 to March 1977; Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Irrigation from January 1983 to August 1984; Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs from August to December 1984; Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Communications from December 1984 to October 1986; Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Textiles from October 1986 to February 1988; Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Water Resources from November 1987 to February 1988; Minister of Textiles from February 1988 to December 1989 and Minister of Health and Family Welfare from January to December 1989.

Shri Mirdha adorned the Office of the Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha from March 1977 to April 1980.

A patron of arts and a sports enthusiast, Shri Mirdha was closely associated with various cultural and sports bodies and institutions in the country. He was Chairman, Lalit Kala Akademi; Honorary President, World Federation of United Nations

Association and President, Youth Hostels Association of India, Indian Heritage Society and Rajasthan Sansthan Sangh. He also served as the Chairman, National Institute of Sports and the Delhi Urban Arts Commission; Deputy Chairman, Special Organizing Committee for Ninth Asian Games and the President, Maharaja Surajmal Educational Society.

A widely travelled person, Shri Mirdha was a Member of the Indian Parliamentary delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in Ottawa, Canada in September 1977 and in Wellington, New Zealand in November 1979. He was also a member of the Indian Parliamentary delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference held in Caracas, Venezuela in September 1979. He was also the Leader of the Indian Delegation to United Nations General Assembly in September 1984.

Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha passed away on 29th January, 2010 at New Delhi at the age of 85 after a brief illness.

Hon. Members, you are all aware of the sad demise of Shri Jyoti Basu, former Chief Minister of West Bengal.

An astute administrator, Shri Basu has the unique distinction of being the longest serving Chief Minister in the country. He was the Chief Minister of West Bengal for more than 23 years, that is from June, 1977 to November, 2000. As the Chief Minister of West Bengal, he worked steadfastly for the all-round development of the State and introduced land reforms. A strong votary of decentralisation of power, he strengthened the Panchayati Raj system in the State. He rendered a yeoman service for the welfare and uplift of the weak and the downtrodden sections of the society.

In his long and distinguished political career, Shri Jyoti Basu's stint as a legislator began when he was elected to the Bengal Legislative Assembly in 1946, and he continued to be its member till 2001 except for a short period from 1972 to 1977. He made his mark as the Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly between 1957 and 1967. He was twice the Deputy Chief Minister of West Bengal between 1967 and 1970.

Shri Basu, one of the pioneers of the Communist movement in India, was a leading figure in the Indian trade union movement. He was the Vice-President of the CITU since its inception in 1970.

A multifaceted personality, Shri Basu was also an accomplished author. He penned a large number of essays in Bengali language which have been compiled and published in five volumes.

Even after demitting the office of the Chief Minister owing to his frail health, Shri Basu continued to remain actively associated with several projects for the welfare of people.

In his demise the country has lost a worthy son and a committed votary of the humanitarian values and a legislator par excellence. His administrative acumen and political sagacity have left an indelible imprint upon the political canvas of this country. His absence will always be felt in many walks of life.

Shri Jyoti Basu passed away on 17th January, 2010 at Kolkata at the age of 95 after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

Hon. Members, on 13th February, 2010, in a cowardly terrorist attack, 15 people including foreigners were killed and 60 others injured when a bomb exploded at a popular bakery in the city of Pune. In a brutal naxal attack at the Silda camp of Eastern Frontier Rifles in West Midnapore, West Bengal on 15th February, 2010, twenty paramilitary personnel were killed. In yet another mindless attack on 18th February, 2010, naxalites struck Phulwari village in Bihar's Jamui District killing around 11 villagers.

The House strongly condemns these dastardly attacks which are aimed at disturbing the peace and creating chaos in the country. I am sure the House would join me in empathising in this hour of grief with the members of the families who became victims of these attacks.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

12.43 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while